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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371		040894-7453
International Application. No.	International Filing Date	U.S. Application No. Unassigned 10/581197
PCT/JP2004/018018	December 3, 2004	Priority Date Claimed
		December 4, 2003

Title of Invention: **STAPLING APPARATUS**

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371.
3. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. § 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(l).
4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2))
 - a. is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. **A copy of the International Application as filed has been transmitted by the International Bureau.**
7. A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)).
8. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).
 - a. are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
9. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)).
10. An oath or declaration of the inventors (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)).
11. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(5)).

Items 12. to 15. below concern other document(s) or information included:

12. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98.
13. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.28 and § 3.31 is included.
14. A FIRST preliminary amendment.
15. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15. Other items or information:

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The following fees are submitted:

Basic National Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):

NATIONAL STAGE BASIC FEE AMOUNT		\$300.00
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than

<input type="checkbox"/> 20	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e)).
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\$ 0.00

Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	13 - 20 =	0	X \$50.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	4 - 3 =	1	X \$200.00	\$ 200.00
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$ 0.00
Application Size Fee - \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets that exceeds 100				\$ 0.00
Search Fee			\$500.00/\$400.00/\$100.00	\$ 400.00
Examination Fee			\$200.00	\$ 200.00
			TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS	\$ 1,100.00
			Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity, if applicable.	
			Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	-\$0.00
			SUBTOTAL =	\$ 1,100.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than				
<input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(f)).				+\$ 0.00
			TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =	\$ 1,100.00
			Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)).	
			The Assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet	
			(37 C.F.R. §§ 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property	\$ 40.00
			TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =	\$ 1,140.00
			Amount to be refunded	\$
			Amount to be charged	\$ 1,140.00

a.



A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b.



Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-0310 in the amount of \$ 1,140.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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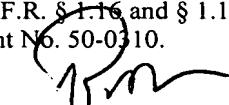


Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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